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SUBJ: AMERICAN PRIVATE AIRCRAFT VIOLATE BENINESE AIRSPACE

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED NOTE FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
JULY 26 PROTESTING UNCLEARED OVERFLIGHT OF BENINESE TERRITORY
ON JULY 12 AT 1530 GMT BY THREE CESSNA 150 AIRCRAFT OF
AMERICAN REGISTRATION. PROTEST READS, IN PART: "CONSEQUENTLY,
IT (THE GOVERNMENT) FINDS ITSELF OBLIGATED TO RAISE A VIGOROUS
AND ENERGETIC PROTEST SO THAT IN THE FUTURE SUCH ACTS WHICH
BORDER ON PIRACY DO NOT HAPPEN AGAIN".

2. AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION NUMBERS: N 72007, N 72035, N 72038.
PLANES WERE COMING FROM LOME AND HEADING IN THE DIRECTION
OF PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA. PILOTS REFUSED TO COMMUNICATE
WITH COTONOU AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER.

3. FOR LAGOS AND LOME: PLEASE FORWARD ASAP ANY
INFORMATION ON SUBJECT OVERFLIGHT SUCH AS: A) NAMES AND
NATIONALITIES OF CREW MEMBERS AND PASSENGERS, B) REASON
FOR MISSION, C) AIRPORTS OF DEPARTURE AND STOPOVERS, D)
AIRPORT OF ULTIMATE DESTINATION, E) REASON, IF ANY, WHY
OVERFLIGHT WAS NOT CLEARED WITH BENINESE AUTHORITIES.

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4. FOR SECSTATE: ASSUME APPROPRIATE ACTION AGAINST

VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ACCORDS WILL BE
TAKEN. PLEASE ADVISE SO THAT WE MAY INFORM BENINESE
GOVERNMENT.
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